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Re: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program / Safe Routes to School (SRTS)  
2019 Call for Projects

To All Interested Parties:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced a combined statewide Call for Projects for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program funding.

Through the 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects, TxDOT will select projects for current TA funds associated with available FY 2019 – FY 2020 federal appropriations for nonurban areas (population areas of 5,000 or less located outside Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)\*. In addition, TxDOT will develop a Conditional Project List composed of TA projects in small urban areas (population areas between 5,001 and 200,000 outside TMAs) and nonurban areas for future federal TA funds, representing anticipated FY 2021 – FY 2022 allocations. The Conditional Project List is a prioritized list of projects to be recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) for their consideration when anticipated funding becomes available. The TA program provides funding for construction of a variety of alternative transportation projects, including ADA/pedestrian infrastructure, on- and off-street bikeways, shared use paths, and infrastructure for non-driver access to public transportation.

Through this call for projects, TxDOT will also select projects for remaining SRTS-Infrastructure funding associated with past federal appropriations. SRTS Program funds are available to Texas communities regardless of population size. The SRTS Program funds infrastructure projects that facilitate bicycling and walking among schoolchildren K-8th grades. For additional detail about eligible project activities refer to 43 TAC §25.502.

This Call for Projects features a two-step application process, which includes a Preliminary Application (Step 1) with high-level proposed project information to determine eligibility and funding opportunities and, following successful completion of Step 1, a Detailed Application (Step 2) with more comprehensive project information. This two-step approach is intended to enhance the quality of project applications and to foster communication between project sponsors and TxDOT District staff. Both steps must be completed in order for a project to be considered for funding under this program call.

Applications for TA/SRTS funds administered through this Call for Projects must be submitted in the form prescribed by TxDOT and in accordance with the program rules located under 43 Texas

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\* TMAs are Census Urbanized Areas of 200,000 or greater

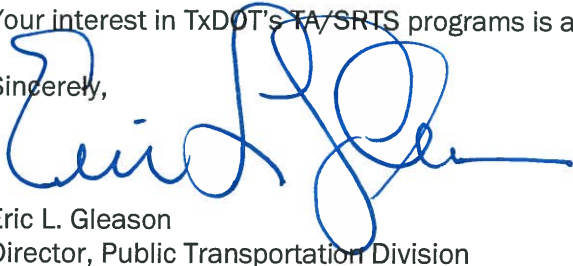
administrative Code §§11.400 - 11.418 and §§16.153 - 16.154 for TA and 43 TAC §§25.500 - 25.505 for SRTS.

The 2019 TA/SRTS Program Guide and Preliminary Application (Step 1) are available on TxDOT's website at: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html>. The 2019 TA/SRTS Program Guide includes detailed information about eligibility requirements of each funding program, specific procedures applicable to this Call for Projects, evaluation criteria, a map of the department's district offices, a list of the District TA/SRTS Coordinators, and a list of the project sponsor workshop locations and dates.

The completed project Preliminary Application must be received by TxDOT, via TxDOT's Dropbox, no later than 5:00 p.m., CDT, on Friday, April 12, 2019. The Detailed Application (Step 2) will be posted on TxDOT's webpage no later than June 18, 2019.

Your interest in TxDOT's TA/SRTS programs is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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